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WEEK-END JOTTINGS.

Last week will rank in the public memory as one of the most momentous of recent years. It was rendered so by news of the supposed discovery of the North Pole by an American physician, whose expedition had been arranged and carried out in a cloak of mystery which renders the denouement extraordinarily dramatic. We print elsewhere the latest phases of this wonderful event, and need only remark here that, while many English papers, in the first flush of excitement, hailed it as "an Anglo-Saxon achievement," the fact of the matter is that Dr. Cook is of German origin, his father being a native of Frankfort, named Koch. We were able to exclusively make this announcement on Friday, and no doubt our German contemporaries will make the most of the circumstance in order to obtain a due share of the resulting prestige for the Fatherland.

A terrible smash occurred on Saturday morning at Newcastle Junction, Pennsylvania, when the famous "Royal Blue" express of the Pennsylvania Railroad was derailed, two persons being killed on the spot and more than forty injured. The disaster is attributed in our messages to the removal of a rail by train robbers. Only last week we had to chronicle a particularly daring outrage in the same State, when a couple of desperate characters succeeded in holding-up a train in approved "Wild West" style and looting the mail van.

King Edward returned to London on Saturday evening at 5.35 o'clock from Marienbad. His Majesty had a very rough cross-Channel voyage, but London reports say that he looked in the best of health and spirits after his holiday. The London Times of yesterday, reviewing the political results of his Majesty's visit, says that it has been highly beneficial, and Anglo-Austrian relations are in a fair way to regain their former cordiality and something more than their former clearness.

The English political situation will never flag in interest as long as the ubiquitous Mr. Winston Churchill remains in the limelight. Speaking at Leicester on Saturday he indulged in a violent personal attack on Mr. Balfour, whom he accused of "emitting from time to time columns of insipid equivocation." Really, when reading of this young man's outbursts, we cannot refrain from comparing him to an impertinent little ragamuffin boozing in the streets at the heels of an elderly gentleman. In the matter of political experience, good taste, and parliamentary etiquette, the President of the Board of the Trade is as a child in arms to the dignified leader of the Opposition. After tearing himself reluctantly away from the personalities which he delights in, Mr. Churchill delivered a scintillating eulogy of the present Government. "It was strong in an administrative record which revealed no single serious mistake, no regrettable conflicts by land or sea, no waste of treasure, and no bloodshed. They were strong in the consciousness of their persistent efforts to sweep away anomalies and inequalities, to redress injustice, and open more widely to the masses of the people the good chances of life." To borrow a leaf from the speaker's own book: "Oh, what a fib!"

Since Prince George of Serbia threw up his claim to the throne, he has been amusing himself at Vienna, among other places. Recently, remarks a contemporary, he had a curious experience there. Being in the company of a party of ladies who were busy killing time, one of the fair Austrians suggested that the Prince should try his skill as a marksman. She challenged him thus: "I challenge you, after the manner of William Tell, to shoot my earrings away with two shots—one for each ornament." The Prince took up the gauntlet, and fired two shots in rapid succession at the length of the salon. The pearl earrings fell to the ground, leaving the plain gold rings in the lobe of the ear untouched.—Next!

Martial enthusiasm is spreading apace amongst the youth of Merrie England. Eleven thousand Boy Scouts assembled at the Crystal Palace, London, on Saturday afternoon to parade before Gen. Baden-Powell, the hero of Mafeking and of England's juveniles. After stepping past in a remarkably smart and soldier-like manner, the budding warriors were regaled with a reading of the following message

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The Spanish troops at Sok-el Arba, near Melilla, have sustained a severe check, described as "almost a reverse," after a battle on Friday. The fact that hordes of ravenous dogs are visiting the Spanish lines is considered proof that the Moorish troops are at the end of their provisions, and in dire need. The tribesmen are living on dry fruit, mostly Barbary figs. The dogs which visit the Spanish camp are so fierce that many have to be shot to prevent them attacking and pulling down sentries.

THE POLAR ACHIEVEMENT.

DR. COOK THE HERO OF THE HOUR.

Copious despatches continued to reach us during yesterday dealing with the enthusiastic reception given by everybody in the Danish capital to Dr. Cook, the American surgeon-explorer who is probably the first man to have stood at the North Pole. He was received in the palace at Copenhagen on Saturday afternoon by the King, in presence of the Queen and Princesses Ingeborg, Thyra, and Dagmar. The audience last half-an-hour, and crowds surrounded the Amalienborg to catch a glimpse of the explorer's arrival and departure. Dr. Cook was accompanied by Dr. Egan, the American Minister. In the evening a brilliant banquet was held in his honour at the Town Hall, the guests including many State dignitaries, the American Minister and his staff, the municipal officials, representatives of the learned societies, and home and foreign journalists.—450 persons in all. M. Hansen, the Minister of Commerce, delivered a speech of welcome to Dr. Cook, touching on the enormous difficulties encountered and overcome by the intrepid explorer before he attained his goal. The Danes had ever been foremost in Arctic exploration, and it was only just that Dr. Cook should have returned to civilisation under the protection of the Danish flag. He had before him a long series of triumphs, but he might be convinced that nowhere would he receive heartier congratulations than in Denmark. If Dr. Cook intended, as the papers said, to attempt the discovery of the South Pole next, he (M. Hansen) could not wish him better luck than that his attempt might be crowned with success similar to that attending this expedition. The speaker concluded by calling for three cheers for their renowned

guest and the discoverer of the North Pole, Dr. Frederick A. Cook. Captain Hovgaard, himself a famous Arctic explorer, gave a brief description of former expeditions and also toasted the guest of the evening.

Greeted by the waving of handkerchiefs and prolonged clapping, Dr. Cook rose to give thanks for his warm welcome. It was, he said, impossible to adequately acknowledge the glowing words bestowed on him. The most important factors in Arctic exploration were Esquimaux and dogs. The Danish Government had supported the Esquimaux, erecting mission stations in the Far North. If he had not had the right Esquimaux, the right dogs, and the right provisions, he could never have reached the Pole. On that account he was indebted to the Danish Government. In the course of the evening a congratulatory telegram from the King of Sweden was read. The banquet concluded with a greeting to Dr. Cook from the Danish students.

On Sunday evening Dr. Cook and the American Minister were the guests of the King at dinner in Charlottenlund, the Queen and all the members of the Royal family being present. Today (Tuesday) Dr. Cook will deliver a lecture on his journey before the Geographical Society of Copenhagen. During Sunday evening's banquet, Dr. Cook sat at the right hand of the Queen, with whom he maintained a lively conversation. After coffee had been served all other guests left the palace, but the explorer was especially honoured by being invited to remain to tea.

A telegram from Beverley (Mass.) states that upon receiving news of Dr. Cook's feat, President Taft telegraphed to him as follows: "Your announcement that you have reached the North Pole gives me occasion to offer you my heartiest congratulations. It awakens the pride of all Americans that this great achievement, for which the world strove so long and so vainly, has been accomplished through the intelligent energy and wonderful endurance of one of our own compatriots."

UNGENEROUS AMERICAN CRITICISM.

A New York cablegram despatched by the Central News states that the friends and backers of Commander Peary, who hold that Dr. Cook stole a march on the latter in making his polar dash without any preliminary announcement, continue to criticise the surgeon-explorer severely. According to an article published on Saturday by the Sun, his conduct is viewed by them as essentially unsportsmanlike, the main allegation being that he took advantage of the condition of the Peary expedition ship Roosevelt to get away before the necessary repairs thereto could be carried out. It is even suggested that the dogs and Esquimaux which Dr. Cook took with him were the very ones on which Commander Peary was himself relying. Mr. Herbert Lawrence Bridgman, secretary of the Peary Arctic Club, who himself commanded two of the Peary auxiliary expeditions, told an interviewer that he was engaged on an article which he thought would show conclusively that Dr. Cook had followed out Commander Peary's plans in determining his route and methods.

Further details continue to reach New York. From these it is gathered that the Stars and Stripes were duly hoisted and fluttered in the Polar breezes for some 36 hours, to the knowledge of Dr. Cook, who stuck the staff in the eternal ice with his own doughty hands. He also, it is now stated, buried a brass "tube" containing a written statement, and he invites sceptics to go north, and search for this needle in a haystack. Some further reports were printed in the newspapers on Saturday morning, and these with the foregoing are calculated to satisfy the man in the street. But it is grievous to have to record the fact that explorers and men of science continue to be sceptical.

Rear-Admiral Melville, for instance, declared on Friday night that he saw no reason to modify his original view as to Dr. Cook's alleged achievement. That view was that the whole thing was a "fake." Commander Peary's friends and associates show signs of embarking on a course of aggressive criticism. Men of science are shouting for the production of Dr. Cook's day books, diaries, etc., for full details as to his supplies at the start, on specified days, and particularly on the day that he commenced the return journey.